



Parish of The Sacred Heart and St Joseph



with the churches of
The Sacred Heart, Hemsworth and Saint Joseph, Moorthorpe

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Saturday 20 March	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Patricia Attwood</i>
Sunday 21 March	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Intentions Janice Czajko Jerzy Gorecki</i>
Monday 22 March	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Vic France</i>
Tuesday 23 March			<i>Veronica Harratt</i>
Wednesday 24 March	Sacred Heart St Joseph's	9.30am Mass 12.00nn Stations of the Cross	<i>George Andruszko</i>
Thursday 25 March	St Joseph's	9.30am Mass	<i>Constance Cockroft</i>
Friday 26 March			<i>Parish Family</i>
Saturday 27 March	Sacred Heart	5.00pm Mass	<i>Bob Unwin</i>
Sunday 218March	St Joseph's Sacred Heart	9.00am Mass 10.45am Mass FB	<i>Pat Holmes Brian McDonough</i>

As numbers have to be limited at all Masses, to enable physical distancing, all are requested to pre-book.
To book for Mass: see our Parish Website, Parish Facebook Page, or telephone the Presbytery.

Between this weekend's Masses, we congratulate and pray for our Candidates, as they celebrate
The Rite of Election to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.



All are invited to join our Lent Activities, this Wednesday
Stations of the Cross, 12.00nn, at St Joseph's
On-line Parish Sycamore Course, 7-8.00pm, (see pg 2 for details)

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Anthony, by appointment, or
Wednesday 24 March, 5-6.30pm at Sacred Heart - **Thursday 25 March, 10.00am at St Joseph's**
Sunday 28 March, 12.00-1.00pm at Sacred Heart

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From Fr Anthony

As most or all might expect, our celebration of Holy Week and Easter, this year, will be 'toned-down', compared to the years before last. This year, however, at very least, we should be able to look forward to 'in-Church' celebrations, rather than, as last year, just having to watch what we could on the TV or monitor. So do note the times of our Holy Week Ceremonies - and remember to book, if you want to be sure to be with us in either of our Churches, as distancing will still be required, so numbers will be limited.

At our Palm Sunday Masses, all will take place inside our Churches, with our gathered Parish Family already in their places. The First Gospel, though, will be read from the rear, before the Ministers process to the Sanctuary. Regrettably, palm *branches* are not available for us, this year. As these are more authentic to what people held and strewed on the first Palm Sunday, and as Jesus did not face the cross until the Friday after, palm *branches* are preferable to palm crosses. Neither do ready made crosses allow us the fun of trying to remember how the cross is formed! But this year, we will have to make do with the ready made palm crosses, which are available

At our Maundy Thursday Mass, none will have the delight of having their feet washed, nor his nibs of being able to perform this symbolic act. Still, we will celebrate with thanksgiving and joy the most wonderful gift Jesus gave us, at his Last Supper and Celebration of the First Mass. It's meaning, this year, will have extra emphasis, as we are expecting three adults to be Received into Full Communion, with our Parish Family. We won't be able to sing with our voices, but we can all sing in our hearts. On account of sanitizing requirements, the Blessed Sacrament will repose on the Altar after Mass, not in the Lady Chapel, and the time for 'Watching' will end at 9.00pm. Do plan to stay on for a quiet thanksgiving, even if but for ten minutes, if you can.

Please especially note that on Good Friday, two Celebrations of the Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion are being planned, one at each of our Churches. Of course, we have a strong Catholic tradition of starting a Good Friday Liturgy at 3.00, the hour of Our Lord's death. But quite a few of us can recall the days when many Yorkshire factories, mills and pits worked as normal on Good Friday. This caused many of our Churches to celebrate this Liturgy not in the afternoon but the evening, so that more than the priest and a handful of the retired could attend. People being able to share in this inspiring Liturgy has a greater importance than it being at a precise time. Both celebrations will include the solemn silence at the beginning, the reading of the Passion of Our Lord from John's Gospel, and the administration of Holy Communion. We will not be able to each kiss the Cross in veneration, but the adoration will still happen in a significant and meaningful manner.

The Great Triduum (Three Days)

Mass of Our Lord's (Last) Supper -

Maundy Thursday, 1 April, 7.00pm, at St Joseph's

Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord -

Good Friday, 2 April, 3.00pm, at The Sacred Heart
5.00pm, at St Joseph's

Easter Vigil & Mass of Resurrection

Holy Saturday, 3 April, 7.00pm, at The Sacred Heart



Parish Sycamore course

Last session this Wednesday
7-8.00pm, on-line

Watch a video and share a little time for chatting; you don't need to have joined previous sessions to enjoy.

Email catechist.sacredheartstjoseph@dioceseofleeds.org.uk for an invitation, by the Sunday before.

Things happening in our Parish

First Sacraments/Reconciliation Our next Programme is to start during the summer term, with a view to those children who join celebrating their First Confession during July, and then going on to prepare for First Communion during Advent of this year. This Programme is for our baptised Children now in school year 3 or above. Parents of eligible Children need to obtain an Application Form from Fr Anthony, after any of our Parish Masses, and be sure to return it direct to him by **Sun 11 April**.

Offertory Envelopes The 2021/22 envelopes are now ready to be collected at - our Sacred Heart Church, in the Hall - St Joseph's, on the bench by the Confessional.

All who already use envelopes, please collect the pack with your name on it. If you cannot find it, please inform Jackie Ventom, Margaret Whitehouse or Fr Anthony.

Also, please have a word with one of them, if you wish to change from using envelopes to having a bank standing order in favour of our Parish - or to begin using envelopes. Standing orders have certainly shown some of their advantages during the past year, for users and our Parish both!

!Envelope users - please don't forget to collect!



Our 2021 Lent Project

Mary's Meals presently feed, every school day, more than 1.6 million Children, within several developing countries.

You can put money in the named collection basket, at either of our Churches, post donations at our Sacred Heart Presbytery (make sure to name the cause on or in the envelope), or donate electronically to a dedicated site for our Parish, using the link on our Parish Website (see link below *Register for Mass* buttons), Facebook Page, or at: https://giving.marysmeals.org/en_gb/projects/sfx2-parish-of-the-sacred-heart-hemsworth-and-st-joseph-s--moorthorpe

Notices for our Parish Newsletter need to be received by Wednesday 12.00noon, at the latest.

Sacraments

Baptism Our Preparation Programme, for Parents of Children to be baptised, will next take place 7.00-8.30pm, in our Sacred Heart Hall, **Weds 16 & 30 Jun**. To join a Programme, Parents need to talk with Fr Anthony, after one of our Parish Masses, to arrange an initial meeting with him.

The Programme is for any expecting, as well as Parents with baby born.

Confirmations Our next Preparation Meeting will be on **Sat 17 Apr**, and is expected to be in our -

Sacred Heart Hall, 9.30-11.00am. It is important all arrive in good time, so as to start on time.

First Communions Our Children will rehearse for their celebration of their First Communion, on **Sat 8 May** -

9.30-10.30am, *St Joseph's*, for all who are to receive Communion there, 11-12.00am, *Sacred Heart*, for all who are to receive Communion there.

Marriage Usual minimum notice, six months. Contact Fr Anthony.

Parish Monies

Offertory Monies	Many Thanks
1-7 March	
Loose	£ 92.77
Envelopes	£ 502.00
Feb Bank Orders	£1604.00
Mary's Meals *	£ 114.65

* In Church/Presbytery only. Digital giving will be added later.

Donations to our Parish

Can also be made by texting - **CHURCH SHSJ to 70500** to contribute £5 - weekly - fortnightly - other; - or by using the **Donate Button** on our Parish Website Home Page.

GOD OF SURPRISES

Tools for digging – Some Methods of Prayer

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 40:10)

The opening verse of the Bible, 'Now the earth was a formless void, there was darkness over the deep, and God's spirit hovered over the water,' is describing a present state of affairs, not a past event, and when I pray from the Scriptures I am letting the Spirit of God hover over the chaos and darkness of my being.



When I allow the word of God to hover over my preoccupations, then anything can happen, for he is the God of surprises. It is important that I do not hide my inner chaos from the word of God or from myself. I may, for example, having fastened on the phrase 'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you', feel my own fears arising, fear of my own inadequacy, or health, or sinful tendencies, or of other people who are a threat to me. I may then begin to feel angry at these soothing words of Isaiah, which, far from allaying my fears are simply intensifying them. The words seem hollow and I feel anger with God, or find myself confronted with my own disbelief, and think there is no point in continuing. The spirit of God is hovering over my chaos and it is important that I allow it to do so, so that the spirit may produce life and order out of my chaos. We are often so trained that we think it wrong to allow any negative feelings entry into our prayer, especially negative feelings about God. We have to learn to grow out of this training, expressing our feelings and thoughts freely before God and trusting that he is big enough to take our tantrums. It is only when we are free to express our negative feelings that we can reach deeper feelings in us of tenderness and compassion. God is in truth, never in pretence. There is no point in pretending in prayer before God, who knows us better than we know ourselves.



To sum up this method of praying from the Scriptures in a sentence: choose a passage of Scripture, read it over several times, focus your attention on any phrase which appeals to you, let this phrase hover over whatever comes to your mind and then speak to God as simply and honestly as you can, knowing that he loves the chaos that is you and that his spirit working in you can do infinitely more than you can think or imagine.

To be continued . . .

Abridged from: *The God of Surprises* – Gerard W. Hughes

But seriously

DO YOU KNOW?

Nicodemus first visited Jesus after dark because he was intrigued by him, but he was also a Pharisee. Some of the Pharisees were plotting the downfall of Jesus and would far from appreciate a sympathiser among them. Nicodemus, at this time, feared being seen with Jesus, as his fellow Pharisees could easily cause him to lose his position in society, and any of the benefits that came from that position.



Nicodemus was a member of the Sanhedrin - but what was a Sanhedrin?

AND SERIOUSLY!



A police recruit was asked during the exam, "What would you do if you had to arrest your own mother?" He said: "Call for backup."

Through our Diocese

Remembering with Hope Online Service, Tue 23 Mar, 7.00pm, on the anniversary of the first Covid lockdown. A commemoration of all loved ones that died during this past year remembering them with Hope. To book, please go to www.growinggoldgracefully.org.uk and see link on home page. (Provided by our Diocesan Catholic Care)

Please Keep
in Prayer

All whose **Anniversaries** occur about this time
All who have **died recently**



Also: All those **sick** or **infirm**, especially:

Br Hilarion Durkin, Margaret Hinchliffe, Isabelle Blake, Elizabeth Olbison, Catherine Brown, Karen Dearing
George Potts, Cynthia Potts, Peggy Heneghan, Liz Allen, Dennis Fricker, Elizabeth Taylor, Monica Lowe
John O'Brien, Nicola Glew, Ann Stoner, Tim Byrne, and all our housebound

The Word: Year B, Season of Lent, Sunday 5: Commentary on the Readings

Gospel: John 12:20-33

This moving gospel reading is the immediate prelude to the account of the Last Supper and the Passion. In it we witness how Jesus' dread (his soul is 'troubled') is mixed with confidence at what he knows is approaching. In the gospel of John there is no agony in the garden before Jesus' arrest, for in John the story of the Passion is so shaped that it is clearly understood as the triumph of the Son of Man. There is no mention of humiliation or mockery. Jesus remains in control from the beginning (when he permits the guards to take him into custody) until the end (when he calls out that he is ready to die: 'It is complete'). This is all about the hour of the exaltation of the Son of Man, when Jesus is raised up in every sense. All the more important, then, for John to show that, before the Passion, the cost for Jesus was real. He does this with this little dialogue in prayer between Jesus and his Father. This is John's equivalent to the prayer in the garden. The second reading from Hebrews is another variant on Jesus' prayer before his Passion. All these prayers express Jesus' very human fear, his unshakable commitment to his task and loving confidence in his Father's care.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

For Christians this reading from Jeremiah can be called the climax of the Old Testament. It is certainly the climax of the history of Israel which we have been following in the first readings of the Sundays of Lent. The exile to Babylon seemed to be the end of the road. Israel had lost king, country, Temple and cult. They had been unfaithful to their Lord once too often, and now the covenant with God was left in tatters. Paradoxically, however, this was the moment of advance, the moment which brought Israel to be a world religion, by which all humanity could benefit from the salvation promised to Abraham. The covenant was to be renewed, not, as previously, dependent on the institutions, the Law and the cult of Israel, but open to every individual, a personal commitment to the Lord, written on human hearts.

Did this then mean that there was no need for anyone to teach brother or sister? Yes, we must still learn from one another and accept the guidance of the Church, but the bond is between God and all peoples, not just one specific race. This covenant is 'the covenant in my blood for the forgiveness of sin' to which Jesus refers at the Last Supper. He sees it ratified in his blood, as the first covenant was ratified in the blood of animal-sacrifice. The forgiveness it brings is the final forgiveness, pre-echoed in God's forgiveness of the sin of Israel down the ages.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

This wonderful second reading lies at the heart of the Letter to the Hebrews which dwells on the priesthood of Christ. Here the author prepares us for the coming celebration of the Passion by reflecting on the double aspect of the human fear and pain of Jesus, and his complete, loving obedience to the Father. It says his prayer was heard. What prayer? Not the prayer to be spared death, for that prayer was not heard. Rather the deeper prayer, the prayer which was at the centre of his burning desire to establish the kingship of God in human hearts, bringing peace between heaven and earth by his perfect obedience. How then did he 'learn obedience through suffering'? The secret of the Cross of Jesus is that here he reached the perfect obedience to his Father, giving everything to his Father's will. His whole life and ministry had been devoted to the Father's will, to establishing the Father's kingship on earth. Now it reaches its highest point. His perfect obedience overrode and expunged the disobedience of Adam, that is, the archetypal disobedience of the whole human race. So by accepting defeat, pain and humiliation he obtained for himself, and for all people, victory, joy and exaltation to glory.

Courtesy of 'The Wednesday Word Trust'

The Word: Year B, Season of Lent, Palm Sunday

1st Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Prayer of the Church

Psalter: Of Week 1

Sun + Seasonal Proper

Mon + Seasonal Proper

Tue + Seasonal Proper

Wed + Seasonal Proper

Thu Proper of Saints

Fri + Seasonal Proper

Sat + Seasonal Proper

This Week's Feasts & Saints

Mon Weekday of Lent

Tue St Turibius of Mongrovejo, Bishop

Wed Weekday of Lent

Thu Annunciation of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

Fri Weekday of Lent

Sat Weekday of Lent



Gathering Verse: Psalm 21(22)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
You are far from my plea and the cry of my distress.
O my God, I call by day and you give no reply;
I call by night and I find no peace.

Yet you, O God, are holy,
enthroned on the praises of Israel.
In you our fathers put their trust;
they trusted and you set them free.
When they cried to you, they escaped.
In you they trusted and never in vain.

But I am a worm and no man,
scorned by men, despised by the people.
All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Yes, it was you who took me from the womb,
entrusted me to my mother's breast.
To you I was committed from my birth,
from my mother's womb you have been my God.
Do not leave me alone in my distress;
come close, there is none else to help.

Like water I am poured out,
disjointed are all my bones.
My heart has become like wax,
it is melted within my breast.
Parched as burnt clay is my throat,
my tongue cleaves to my jaws.

I can count every one of my bones.
These people stare at me and gloat;
they divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!
Rescue my soul from the sword,
my life from the grip of these dogs.
Save my life from the jaws of these lions,
my poor soul from the horns of these oxen.

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.

You are my praise in the great assembly.
My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
for the kingdom is the Lord's,
he is ruler of the nations.

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.'

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm: 50

R A pure heart create for me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.



Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!
Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.
Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!



Gospel: John 12:20-33

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come
for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly,
unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain;
but if it dies,
it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it;
anyone who hates his life in this world
will keep it for the eternal life.
If a man serves me, he must follow me,
wherever I am, my servant will be there too.
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.
What shall I say:
Father, save me from this hour?
But it was for this very reason
that I have come to this hour.
Father, glorify your name!

A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world;
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.
And when I am lifted up from the earth,
I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Verse

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the Tree;
Then I am dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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